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Re: Soper Avenue AOC
LPC# 2012085009 – Winnebago
SF/Tech

Dear Mr. Ribordy:

I am requesting the Region 5 Offices of the United States Environmental Protection Agency (U.S. EPA) assign an On-Scene Coordinator and provide assistance to the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (Illinois EPA) at the Soper Avenue AOC site located in Rockford, Winnebago County, Illinois.

The Soper Avenue AOC was identified in July 2011 when two residential homes located on Soper Avenue had wells that tested above Maximum Contaminant Levels (MCLs) for Benzene. Subsequent sampling indicated that two additional residential drinking water wells were contaminated with levels of Benzene that exceeded MCL's. Ethylbenzene, Xylene, and Toluene were also detected in those wells but were not at levels above MCLs. Illinois EPA is seeking assistance from U.S. EPA to provide alternative drinking water supplies for these four residential homes. Due to confidentiality reasons, the addresses and names of those residents are not included in this referral but will be provided upon request.

Illinois EPA is currently undertaking a groundwater investigation of the area to identify potential source(s) of the Benzene, Ethylbenzene, Xylene, and Toluene (BTEX) contamination. This investigation will provide additional information regarding local geology and groundwater flow. The groundwater investigation will be taking place in October 2011. The attached map depicts the investigative area.

Please have your On-Scene Coordinator contact Mark Wagner at 217-524-1662 or myself as soon as possible to discuss additional site information. Illinois EPA's Office of Community Relations has also been involved with the investigation and will be able to provide outreach within the community.

As always, the Illinois EPA will provide assistance to U.S. EPA regarding this matter. Thank you for your continued assistance and we look forward to hearing from U.S. EPA for this projected and future removal activities.

Sincerely,

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